

ATTACHMENT A

Although the Committee is continuing its study of the Federal Government's use of polygraphs, immediate steps must be taken to overcome the dangerous defects. This will not solve all of the problems, for establishment of the strictest regulations will not guarantee the propriety of the polygraph technique.

The Committee recommends that the Federal Government:

1. Initiate comprehensive research to determine the validity and reliability of polygraph examinations;
2. Abolish the use of polygraph examinations for all purposes except interrogation in intelligence matters which are clearly in the paramount interest of national security. In this single area where polygraph examinations still would be given, the President should:
 - Designate a top official with sole authority to grant permission for polygraph examinations;
 - Insure that polygraph examinations be, in fact, voluntary and that no official stigma be attached to a refusal to submit to the examination;
 - Place severe restrictions on the use of information obtained during polygraph examinations;
 - Prohibit the use of two-way mirrors and secret microphones or similar devices.